

Remarks

Claims 1-56 currently remain pending and are the subject of a restriction requirement.

Restriction Requirement

In the Office action, claims 1-56 are grouped for restriction purposes as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-28 and 41-56

Group II: Claims 29-40.

The Office action indicates that the two groups of claims are distinct but related as combination and subcombination. (Page 2 of the Office action.) Also, the Office action states that the two groups of claims are associated with different subclasses. *Id.*

The Assignee respectfully elects without traverse Group I (claims 1-28 and 41-56) for examination. Also, in view of the restriction requirement, the Assignee retains the right to present the claims of Group II (claims 29-40) in a divisional application.


Conclusion

Having fully responded to the Office action, the Assignee respectfully requests that examination on the merits proceed.

The Assignee believes no fees are due with respect to this filing. However, should the Office determine fees are necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 21-0765.

Respectfully submitted,

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